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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BROMBACH, Frank)

Serial Number: 10/070646)

Filed: March 5, 2002)

For: TAP INSERT)

Docket Number: 13016)

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 21, 2002

Sir:

This Communication is in response to your "Notification of Missing Requirements" dated May 20, 2002 with a period of response set to expire on July 20, 2002. October 20, 2002 was a Sunday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on October 21, 2002 with a three month extension of time. Accompanying this response is a petition for a two month extension of time. Applicant now submits herewith the following:

Declaration of Inventorship

Translation of the Application into English with a certification of accuracy

Translation of the Preliminary Amendment into English with a certification of accuracy

Fee for late filing of Declaration of Inventorship

Fee for late filing of Translation of the Application into English

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REMARKS

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been overcome, and now requests further consideration on the merits.

A check for \$ 195 for the above mentioned fees is enclosed.

REQUEST FOR EXTENTION OF TIME

The response was due on July 20, 2002. October 20, 2002 is a Sunday. Accordingly, Applicant requests a 3-month extension of time, until October 21, 2002 to file response.

Accompanying this response is a check for \$ 460 to cover the fees associated with the extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account, Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket number 13016.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSLATION OF APPLICATION



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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

Verification of translation

I, Susanne Piech, citizen of Germany, residing at Bergisch Gladbach, state:

- 1) I am familiar with English and with German. I translated the Preliminary Amendment from German to English.
- 2) The translation is by me a true and accurate translation of the Preliminary Amendment.

Chicago, 17 September 2002,



Susanne Piech



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination
- Small Entity Statement

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English.
- Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$195** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response:*

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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

September 23, 2002

Sir:

I, Silvia, citizen of Germany, residing at Germany, state:
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I am familiar with the English language and with the German language. The translation
of the application is a true and accurate translation.

Date: 11 October 2002

signature